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SUBJECT: MARCOS STATE VISIT: ASEAN MATTERS

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SUMMARY. ALTHOUGH JAPANESE DECLINED TO NEGOTIATE
ASEAN MATTERS WITH FILIPINOS DURING STATE VISIT OF
MARCOS'S FONOFF
JUDGED THAT RECEPTION MARCOS WAS GIVEN HERE SERVED
TO BOOST HIS STANDING WITH ASEAN COLLEAGUES. END SUMMARY

1. ASEAN WAS DISCUSSED VERY GENERALLY IN SUMMIT
MEETINGS BETWEEN PRIMIN FUKUDA AND PRESIDENT MARCOS
OF PHILIPPINES APRIL 26 AND 27, ACCORDING TOFFONOFF
AND SOUTHEAST ASIA DIVDIR SAKUTARO TANINO. AT ONE
POINT MARCOS SEEMED TO SUGGEST HE WAS MOVING FORCE
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BEHIND FORTHCOMING INVITATION TO FUKUDA TO MEET WITH
ASEAN LEADERS AT KUALA LUMPUR SUMMIT. FONOFF HAS
LEARNED THAT ON RETURN TO MANILA MARCOS SAID THAT FUKUDA WOULD
VISIT PHILIPPINES AFTER SUMMIT; THERE WAS NO SUCH
AGREEMENT. MAIN POINT OF SUMMIT EXCHANGE WAS FUKUDA'S
EXPRESSION OF REGRET THAT JAPAN HAD NOT PAID MORE
ATTENTION TO SOUTHEAST ASIAN FRIENDS IN RECENT YEARS AND

RESOLVE TO DO BETTER.

2. FILIPINOS SOUGHT TO WIN POSITIVE JAPANESE COMMITMENT TO BANKROLL ASEAN FIVE INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS. THIS WAS ONE OF MOST CONTENTIOUS ITEMS FACED BY DRAFTERS OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE. JAPANESE SIDE ARGUED THAT PROJECTS WERE AS YET IMMATURE AND, MOREOVER, GOP NOT EMPOWERED TO NEGOTIATE FOR ASEAN. FACT IS THAT GOJ INTENT ON RESERVING ITS COMMITMENT TO INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS AS PRESENT FOR KUALA LUMPUR ASEAN SUMMIT.

3. FILIPINOS ALSO INCLUDED IN THEIR DRAFT OF COMMUNIQUE JAPANESE AGREEMENT TO WORK TOWARD PREFERENTIAL TRADE REGIME FOR ASEAN, REMOVAL OF INVISIBLE TRADE BARRIERS, ETC. REPEATING AGAIN AND AGAIN THAT COMMUNIQUE WAS NOT TREATY, JAPANESE AT LENGTH WON AGREEMENT TO DELETE THESE SECTIONS.

4. TANINO CONCLUDED THAT WHILE MARCOS AND SUITE TOOK AWAY NOTHING OF SUBSTANCE FOR ASEAN, BLUE-RIBBON TREATMENT ACCORDED THEM SHOULD ENHANCE MARCOS' STANDING IN ASEAN CLUB.
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